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MEMORANDUM FOR: PLANS & REQUIREMENTS STAFF

Subject: Western Hemisphere Branch Liaison with other  
Government Agencies.

1. Liaison has been established with the following  
Government agencies:

a. War Department, I. D., Pan American Branch.

Liaison so far has been excellent on a personal basis. On the one occasion on which a request was made for a written estimate -- the I. D. was unable to furnish it in time to be of use because of the lack of an established procedure and the apparent hesitancy of personnel to act in the absence of such procedure.

b. State Department, D. R. A.

Liaison has been excellent on a personal basis. On one occasion when D. R. A. was asked for information on a current topic cooperation was quick and thorough but there seemed to be some hesitancy at expressing what might be termed a policy opinion in writing, and the policy making offices of the Department seemed to be exercising a censorial restriction on their work. An established procedure for such requests should improve the situation.

2. An effective liaison arrangement is desired with the following Government agencies: Navy Department, Office of Naval Intelligence; Commerce Department, Office of International Trade, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. Liaison arrangements with other Government agencies will be required at a later date.



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